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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 & 1.98**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Pursuant to the USPTO notice dated July 11, 2003, waiving the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) to provide copies of U.S. Patents and U.S. Published Applications, copies of those references numbered 1 through 191 are not submitted. Copies of foreign patent documents numbered 192, 194-197, and 199 are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2). Copies of the remaining documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement and/or Office Action, directed to the related application Serial Number 09/898,726 filed July 3, 2001, and, accordingly, copies are not included herewith. This

protocol conforms with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d) and M.P.E.P. 609(A)(2). The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record in the application.

Applicants would like to draw the attention of the Examiner to the co-pending application (copy attached) listed below:

Application Serial No. 09/602,436, V. Saadat, filed June 23, 2000.

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- ☐ With the application; accordingly, no fee or separate requirements are required.
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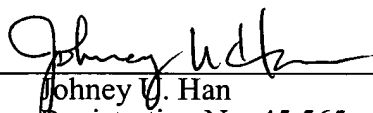
Applicants would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

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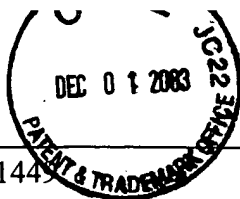
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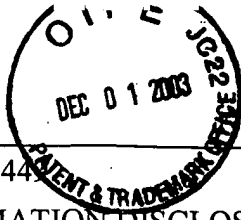
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